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SYSTEM NEEDING CONSISTENCY ACROSS FAILURES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application referenced above, please amend the
specification as follows. No additional fee is required.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 3 at page 1, as follows:

[0003] This patent application is also related to U.S. Patent Application No.

10/092,047, filed March 4, 2002, entitled MANAGING CHECKPOINT QUEUES IN

A MULTIPLE NODE SYSTEM, the content of which is hereby incorporated by

reference in its entirety.